movement with the total and committed involvement of community leaders irrespective of denominational affiliation and linking population control with larger programmes of female literacy, women's employment, social security, access to health services, immunisation and mother and child care." This paper was endorsed unanimously in the National Development Council Meeting held on 23-24 December 1992.

(c) and (d): To impart a new thrust and dynamism to the Family Welfare Programme an Action Plan has been evolved by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare in close consultation with the State Governments and Union Territories Administration. This Action & Plan has been endorsed by the Health Ministers of States/UTs in a conference held in January, 1992. Some of the activities listed therein envisage micro planning at the level of the States/UTs on which action is to be taken by them. Feed back from States/UTs is awaited.

Sale of Fluroide Tooth Pastes

3559. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to ban manufacture and sale of fluoridated tooth pastes ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ; and

(c) if not,)what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (c) The matter relating to Fluoride content in tooth paste has been examined by technical experts and it has been the view that the fluoride content in the tooth paste should be limited to 1000 ppm. For this purpose the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules 1945, have been amended on 19-4-1991 providing that the expiry date and the content of Fluoride should be mentioned on the lable of the tube and carton.

In view of the above position, there is no proposal to ban the manufacute and sale of Flouridated tooth pastes. However, another expert Committee under the Chairmanship of the Director-General, ICMR has been set up in the matter to *interalia* advise on the need to fluoride to tooth pastes and whether such addition is harmful for children below the age of 7 years.

3560. [*Transferred to the 26th March*, 1992.]

Setting up of Medical/Dental Colleges

3561. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the guide lines in regard to establishing Medical and Dental Colleges ;

(b) whether it is a fact that some states are allowing mushroom growth of private colleges, without following the directions of Union Government as well as Medical and Dental Councils ; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (c) The Medical Council of India and the Dental Council of India have prescribed the minimum standard requirements which should be ful-